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In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI

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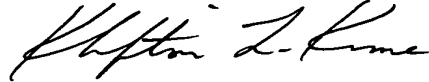
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- ☒ 2. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 3. A co-pending U.S. patent application is identified on Form PTO 1449 of this Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☒ 4. Relevance of references 19, 20 and 21 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 5. Reference 19 corresponds to reference 12.

- ☒ 6. The references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/592,297, filed June 12, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

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